MAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b). The new Export & Import Policy for 1992-97 does not allow any Special dispensation in the case of direct foreign investment for import of Capital Goods. Under the Current Policy, Capital Goods may be imported without any restriction except to the extent such imports are regulated by the Negative List of Imports or any other Provision of this Policy or any other law for the time being in force.

RBI's Transaction with Banks for receiving Foreign Currency Deposits

6957. SHR GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has decided to enter into swap transactions with banks of its discretion for receiving foreign currency deposits at appropriate rates of interest; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). The swap and deposit transactions are distinct from each other. Swap operations are undertaken by the Reserve Bank of India under which the RBI buys spot U.S. Dollars from the Authorised Dealers and simultaneously agrees to sell forward the same U.S. Dollar amount at a future date. The rates of exchange for spot and forward date deals are different. The Reserve Bank of India undertakes such swap deals with the Authorised Dealers at its discretion. Under the foreign currency deposit system, the Reserve Bank of India has opened a Dollar deposit window with effect from 25th March, 1992. Under this the Authorised Dealers are able to place funds in interest bearing U.S. Dollar deposits with RBI for periods of one month and above.

[*Translation*]

Launching of NAG Missile

6958. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tests undertaken till date for successful launching of the NAG missile;

(b) the details of the expenditure incurred on these tests;

(c) whether any test is yet to be conducted;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the missile is to be delivered to the services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Nine flight trials of NAG missile have been undertaken so far to prove various sub-systems.

(b) Rs. 100 lakhs, approx.

(c) and (d). Some more flight trials are planned to be undertaken during the coming three years.

(e) NAG missile is expected to enter the production phase in 1995 after users' trials.

[*English*]

Balance of Payments

6959. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the safe amount of the foreign ex-